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Jack loved to read a book each night.
His books were scattered, all in sight.
He read all day.
He read at night.
Sometimes he read with his flashlight.







Jack's books were here.
His books were there.
He could not even find his chair.
He could not see which clothes to wear.
"That's enough!" his mother said.
"Clean up these books and get to bed!"





"Clean them up?
But how? Right now?
I have no clue. What should I do?
Should I arrange them all by size?
Or should I just alphabetize?"

clue: idea or hint
arrange: put in order









"Oh, I don't know.
I'm just not clear.
How do I move them all from here?
Should I pile them on the floor?
Stack them up behind the door?
I can't think straight anymore!"

pile: to put one on top of the other





"Wait! What is this book I see here?
Hmmmmm . . . *How To Make A Library!*
I can organize by author's name—
That sounds like a real cool game!
Arrange them like the alphabet.
That sounds easy. That's no sweat!
Or I could organize by title too.
I realize now that's what I will do!"

no sweat: easy





"All *A* titles I'll put here.
Followed by the *B's* right there.
This is great! Now I see!
Next will come the spot for *C.*
This is really so much fun!"
Following these rules of thumb,
Jack organized them one by one.
He sorted them all from *A* to *Z.*
He organized them happily.

rules of thumb: simple ways







His mother was surprised and impressed.
She never thought he'd pass that test.
But Jack came through after all
And shelved his books up on the wall.
"Books are great," said Jack with glee.
"They helped me make a library!"

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came through: succeeded

glee: happiness





Talk About It

1. Jack loves to read all kinds of books. What kind of books do you like to read?
2. How does Jack decide to organize his books?

Write About It

3. A library is a place that has lots of books on all kinds of topics. Have you ever been to a library? On a separate sheet of paper, write about your trip to a library or about your school library.

Extend Language

Rhyming words end in sounds that are alike. In this story, *night* rhymes with *sight* and *light; chair* rhymes with *wear.*

Find a word from this story that rhymes with each of these words.

bed do floor name

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